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**Case No.
110065**

Event: Flooding

**Location: Paulina Highway and Juniper
Canyon**

Media Release

On January 16, 2011 at about 2:29 PM deputies from the Crook County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to the address of 14041 SE Paulina Highway to the report of flooding threatening a residence. Deputies and the home owner were able to clear a clogged culvert and provide enough sand bags to divert the water away from the residence.

During this time a large amount of water was also reported to be crossing Juniper Canyon Road near milepost seven. Crook County Deputies and Emergency Manager were dispatched to the area along with the Crook County Road Department. Due to heavy rain the Dry Creek culvert that runs under Juniper Canyon Road near milepost seven was overwhelmed and a large amount of water was running across the roadway towards several residences on Upper Davis Loop.

Nearly a foot of water was crossing Juniper Canyon Road and caused several culverts down stream from the Dry Creek culvert to be overwhelmed. The Crook County Sheriff activated an Incident Command Post near the Cowboy Court subdivision and numerous members of the Crook County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, Search and Rescue along with several homeowners began to take measure to divert water away from threatened homes. The SMAF Construction donated pumping equipment to a homeowner to help remove water.

Due to the heavy rainfall on Saturday and Sunday and the increase of water into the Prineville Reservoir the Ochoco Irrigation District has increased the amount of water being released out of the Reservoirs spillway into the Crooked River, for the time being to relieve the water levels. The amount released was increased to 2000 cubic feet per second. Any amount under 3000 C.F.S is considered safe channel release. Property owners along the Crooked River can expect higher water levels during this time.

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